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Post delivered demarche in Reftel on December 3 to Anh Chong-ghee, Director General for Bilateral Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT), and provided copies of the talking points to MOFAT's Division of Climate Change and Environment and to the International Cooperation Office of the Ministry of Environment. Post followed up by phone December 10 with Hong Sok-kwang, Deputy Director at MOFAT North America Trade Division. Hong expressed appreciation for the information, which helped clarify the question Director General Ahn had raised during the most recent bilateral trade discussions, namely, "What is the schedule for phased-in enforcement of the declaration requirement?" He said MOFAT would contact Post or Washington through the Korean Embassy if they had any further questions or response. STEPHENS